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SUMMARY: THIS TELEGRAM RELATES TO PROCEDURAL MATTER WHICH HAS ARISEN IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR A QUOTE FULLY INDEPENDENT POST-EVALUATION SYSTEM UNQUOTE DEALT WITH IN ADB DOC. R28-74, REVISION 2, FINAL DATED 8 AUGUST 1974 ON ABOVE SUBJECT. USADB DOES NOT PROPOSE TO OBJECT TO ADB PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REGARD. END SUMMARY.

1. RECENTLY, WHEN DRAFT REPORT OF AN EXTERNAL EVALUATING AGENCY WAS RECEIVED IN BANK, IT WAS SHOWN INFORMALLY TO PROJECT AUTHORITY WHOSE COMMENTS WERE TRANSMITTED TO EVALUATING AGENCY FOR SUCH CONSIDERATION AS IT DEEMED APPROPRIATE. EVALUATING AGENCY HAS SUBSEQUENTLY PROTESTED ON BASIS THAT ITS REPORT SHOULD GO TO DIRECTORS IN FIRST INSTANCE AND SHOULD BE EDITED IF EVENTUALLY SHOWN TO PROJECT AGENCY.

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2. PARAGRAPH 42(V) OF ADB DOC. R28-74, REVISION 2,

FINAL DATED 8 AUGUST 1974 RELATES TO CONSULTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS THAT EVALUATING AGENCY SHOULD HAVE WITH PROJECT AUTHORITY AND BORROWER. EVALUATING AGENCY'S VIEW THAT REPORT SHOULD BE EDITED PRIOR TO TRANSMISSION TO PROJECT AGENCY IS NOT VALID AS PARA. 42(V) OF ABOVE-MENTIONED BOARD PAPER CLEARLY INDICATES THAT TRANSMISSION TO PROJECT AUTHORITY IS TO BE AT SAME TIME AS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

3. BANK DOCUMENT DOES NOT ADDRESS ITSELF SPECIFICALLY TO MATTER OF COMMENTS OF PROJECT AGENCY/BORROWER BEING SOUGHT ON DRAFT (REPEAT) DRAFT REPORT. ADB PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, BELIEVES THAT SUCH CONSULTATION BY EVALUATING AGENCY WITH PROJECT AGENCY/BORROWER ON DRAFT REPORT WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE, WITHOUT IN ANY WAY COMPROMISING INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF EVALUATING AGENCY IN PREPARING ITS REPORT. COMMENTS ON DRAFT REPORT, OF COURSE, WOULD BE DISTINCT AND SEPARATE FROM COMMENTS WHICH, UNDER PROVISION OF PARA. 42(V) OF DOCUMENT, MANAGEMENT WOULD SEEK FROM BORROWER AND PROJECT AUTHORITY AND BANK STAFF AFTER FORWARDING FINAL REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BORROWER, PROJECT AUTHORITY AND CONCERNED BANK STAFF.

4. TO CLARIFY PARA. 42(V) OF AFORESAID DOCUMENT, PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED BOARD'S APPROVAL THAT PROCEDURE LAID DOWN THEREIN SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE SPECIFICALLY FOR CONSULTATION BY EVALUATING AGENCY OF ITS DRAFT REPORT WITH PROJECT AUTHORITY, BORROWER AND BANK STAFF CONCERNED, WITH STIPULATION THAT EVALUATING AGENCY WOULD HAVE COMPLETE FREEDOM TO MAINTAIN UNCHANGED CONTENTS OF POST-EVALUATION REPORT, OR MODIFY IT AS IT DEEMS FIT, IN LIGHT OF COMMENTS RECEIVED. IF PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL IS APPROVED BY BOARD, HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT SIMILAR PROCEDURE BE ALSO FOLLOWED IN CASE OF POST-EVALUATIONS CARRIED OUT BY BANK'S OWN ECONOMIC OFFICE.

5. IF NO OBJECTION TO OR REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA. 4 ABOVE IS MADE BY ANY BOARD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBER BY JANUARY 30, RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND RECORDED IN MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT BOARD MEETING. USADB DOES NOT PROPOSE TO OBJECT.

6. ADB DOC. R138-75 ON ABOVE SUBJECT WAS POUCHED JANUARY 5.
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